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Introduced by Representatives Donovan of Burlington, Bissonnette of  
Winooski, Cole of Burlington, Gonzalez of Winooski,  
Krowinski of Burlington, McCormack of Burlington,  
O’Sullivan of Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Rachelson of  
Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Sullivan of Burlington, and  
Wright of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; City of Burlington;  
amendments

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to approve  
amendments to the charter of the City of Burlington.

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of  
Burlington

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

The General Assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the City  
of Burlington as set forth in this act. Proposals of amendments were approved  
by the voters on March 1, 2016.

1 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 3 is amended to read:

2 CHAPTER 3. CITY OF BURLINGTON

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4 Subchapter 3. City Council With Mayor Presiding and City Council

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6 ARTICLE 26. EXPENDITURES

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8 § 69. FISCAL YEAR, REPORTS REQUIRED

9 (a)(1) The fiscal year of the City shall begin on the first day of July in one  
10 year and end on the 30th day of June in the next year. A full record of the  
11 revenues and expenditures of all City departments shall be kept; and a clear  
12 statement of the affairs of the City generally, including all receipts and  
13 disbursements of City ~~moneys and the~~ monies shall be published online and be  
14 available for inspection upon request.

15 (2) ~~The name and amount of compensation for services from the City of~~  
16 ~~every person receiving such compensation by way of salary or otherwise to the~~  
17 ~~amount of \$300 or more per year, shall be published under the direction of the~~  
18 ~~Mayor as soon as may be and the City Council may determine, but not later~~  
19 ~~than five months after June 30, 1963, and annually thereafter within five~~  
20 ~~months after the close of each fiscal year~~ salary paid to every City employee  
21 shall be published in the City's annual report. The name and amount of

1 compensation paid to any other individual to the extent required to be reported  
2 to the Internal Revenue Service on a 1099 form or otherwise shall be published  
3 online and available for inspection upon request prior to the annual meeting.

4 (3) The annual audit of the City's financial records shall be finalized at  
5 least 30 days before the annual meeting or as the City Council may by  
6 ~~resolution prescribe, and any City official responsible in whole or in part for a~~  
7 ~~failure to substantially comply with the provisions of this section shall be~~  
8 ~~ineligible to hold office under the authority of this charter for the year next~~  
9 ~~ensuing after such failure so to comply with the provisions of this section. The~~  
10 annual report of the City shall include a summary of the audit and a copy of the  
11 management letter, and full copies of each annual audit shall be published  
12 online and available upon request.

13 ~~(b) It shall be the duty of those who were members of any board or~~  
14 ~~commission during and just before the close of any fiscal year, though the term~~  
15 ~~of one or more of them as a member of such board or commission may have~~  
16 ~~expired at the close of such fiscal year, to prepare, sign, and present to the~~  
17 ~~Chief Administrative Officer after the close of said fiscal year and in time for~~  
18 ~~publication of the same in the City report for that year, in the name and on~~  
19 ~~behalf of such board and commission, a full financial report including all~~  
20 ~~revenues and expenses of all the matters and statistics of which a full record is~~  
21 ~~required by this section to be kept by such board or commission during such~~

1 ~~fiscal year and to be published in the City report.~~ Each City Department that  
2 has a commission shall consult with and seek the recommendation of its  
3 commission prior to submission of its annual budget to the Mayor.

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5 Subchapter 5. Officers

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7 ARTICLE 37. BOARDS ESTABLISHED

8 § 120. ENUMERATED

9 There shall be maintained in said City a Board of Assessors consisting of  
10 the City Assessor and two legal voters of said City; a Board of Tax Appeals  
11 normally consisting of seven legal voters of said City; a Board of Public Works  
12 Commissioners consisting of seven legal voters of said City; a Board of  
13 Cemetery Commissioners, ~~a Board of Police Commissioners~~, a Board of Light  
14 Commissioners, a Board of Fire Commissioners, and a Board of Health, each  
15 consisting of five legal voters of said City; a Board of Airport Commissioners  
16 consisting of four legal voters of the City of Burlington and one legal voter of  
17 the City of South Burlington; a Board of Police Commissioners, consisting of  
18 seven legal voters of said city; a Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners,  
19 consisting of ~~five~~ seven legal voters of said City; a Board of Library  
20 Commissioners consisting of 10 members; a Board of Planning  
21 Commissioners, the members of such boards to be appointed by the City

1 Council with Mayor presiding; a Board of School Commissioners consisting of  
2 12 legal voters of said City and of the respective wards in which they are  
3 elected; and a Board of Finance to be constituted as hereinafter provided.

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5 Subchapter 6. Executive Departments

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7 ARTICLE 62. POLICE DEPARTMENT

8 § 183. BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS; COMPOSITION; TERMS

9 The Board of Police Commissioners shall consist of ~~five~~ seven legal voters  
10 of said City, to be appointed by the City Council with Mayor presiding to serve  
11 for three years and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

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13 ARTICLE 72. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS

14 § 203. COMMISSIONERS TO MANAGE PARKS; COMPOSITION OF  
15 BOARD

16 The public parks of the City of Burlington now in existence, and those  
17 which may hereafter be established, together with all park property which may  
18 be acquired and all public recreational activities hereafter sponsored by the  
19 City, shall be under the management, care, and control of the City Council.  
20 The Parks and Recreation Department may likewise cosponsor recreational  
21 activities with other public and/or private agencies. The City Council may by

1 resolution delegate any of the powers relating to parks and recreation to the  
2 Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners. The Board of Parks and  
3 Recreation Commissioners shall consist of ~~five~~ seven legal voters of said City,  
4 to be appointed as hereinbefore provided.

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6 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on passage.